

Rays Of Light Piercing Energy Darkness

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Don't turn the thermostat back up or all the lights back on. But a few bright spots have pierced the darkness of the energy crisis. The stock market continued its upward surge Monday, a research firm said the Arab oil embargo wouldn't be as severe as expected, and an Arab oil minister said conditions for ending the embargo have changed.

The Petroleum Industry Research Foundation, Inc., said Mon-

day the U.S. fuel shortage will be a little less severe the first three months of 1974 than the government had thought.

The firm estimated the country's oil shortage at up to 2.8 million barrels a day. The government's figure is 3.5 million barrels a day.

One source said the government's estimate appeared to have been based on the worst possible supply and weather predictions.

The stock market surged upward for the third straight session Monday. Analysts said investors turned away from the energy

crisis and returned to the business of buying stocks. They said the absence of bad news from the Middle East contributed to the advance.

And, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheik Ahmed Zaki al Yamani said in Washington that the Arab oil embargo could end early next month if Israel promises to withdraw from occupied Arab territory.

He said the embargo was "originally linked to the complete withdrawal of Israel." But he said Arab oil producing nations will

now lift the embargo when Israel agrees to withdraw from occupied lands and the United States guarantees the withdrawal.

"Then the embargo can be lifted immediately, perhaps during the first period of the Geneva peace conference, perhaps early in January. It is now up to Israel," he said.

The Congress, meanwhile, took steps to cope with the crisis.

The Senate passed a bill requiring the labeling of cars and major

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Controls Removed; You'll Pay \$150 More For New Car

DETROIT (AP) — The decision to exempt the auto industry from federal price controls is going to have an immediate impact on the car-buying public — to the tune of \$150 a car by the end of this

week. The federal cost of living council moved Monday to exempt the largest industry still under federal constraints from both wage and price restrictions.

The action marked the largest decontrol yet in the council's effort to step up the decontrol process.

None of the automakers offered new price lists Monday, but Ford announced immediate plans to increase prices on any car or truck ordered after today. If a car buyer orders a new Ford today, Ford said, the purchaser will beat the increase.

General Motors, Chrysler, and American Motors are expected to announce increases to take effect later this week.

Before the council agreed to decontrol the auto industry, it exacted commitments from three automakers to keep increases to a \$150 maximum, and not to raise 1974 model

prices again.

In addition, the automakers agreed not to raise retail prices on small cars more than \$150.

It is the second round of 1974-model increases for the industry. September increases, covering federally-mandated safety and emission equipment, were weighted heavily onto small car prices by some manufacturers, notably GM.

This time GM, Ford, and American Motors agreed to limit small car price increases to the \$150 average.

Chrysler refused to make any commitment, but the council director, John Dunlop, and Chrysler Chairman Lynn Townsend both noted the realities of competition would work to keep Chrysler in line with Ford and GM.

AMC agreed to raise its wholesale prices an average \$100, but a company spokesman said AMC dealers might be allowed to add on further increases of \$50 at the retail level.

GM Chairman Richard Gerstenberg hailed the end of industry controls, adding, "we hope this action can be expanded to other industries, so controls will not hamper our growth in the months to come."

Gerstenberg and Ford Vice President James Naughton said the increases weren't high enough to cover cost increases.

"The increases authorized will recover less than one-half the costs absorbed by the company in the past two years," Naughton said.

"As a result, even with the

It Didn't Pay To Overcharge

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — The way cars were lining up at Uncle Russ's Shell Station it looked as though he was giving gasoline away.

He was.

Station owner Russell N. Holbrook was ordered by the Internal Revenue Service to refund past overcharges to customers, so Monday Holbrook pumped out about 3,000 gallons of gasoline — free — a maximum of 10 gallons per customer.

The queue leading to his station on Massachusetts Avenue was so long that police had to close northbound traffic on all but one lane. To help keep traffic moving, police also asked Holbrook to dispense with the usual chatter with customers and cleaning windshields.

why construction should not be halted.

Another Consumers ad extolling nuclear power as a clean energy source was cancelled Friday, three months after the firm revealed its Palisades atomic plant in western Michigan had leaked radioactive iodine into the air in violation of AEC standards.

Lost 2 Brittany Spaniels. Pearl Grange area. Ph 944-5531 Adv.



BACK ON THE JOB: A. Ernest Fitzgerald, the Pentagon cost analyst fired after he exposed a \$2 billion cost overrun in production of the C5 Galaxy transport plane, is back on the job Monday in Washington as ordered by the Civil Service Commission. Plane in foreground is a model of a F106 aircraft. Air Force Secretary John McLucas formally ordered Fitzgerald back to work, following a Sept. 18, 1973 ruling by the Civil Service Commission that the Air Force acted improperly when Fitzgerald was dismissed in January 1970. (AP Wirephoto)

Byrns Loses Out Griffin Gives Nod To Holland Judge

An announcement Monday by U.S. Senator Robert Griffin that he was recommending Circuit Judge Wendell A. Miles of Holland for the federal bench in Michigan's western district appeared to end the hopes of sup-

porters of Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns for the position.

The Berrien County Bar association last week had given its official endorsement of Judge's Byrns' candidacy for the federal appointment.

Judge Miles, who has been on the circuit court bench for Allegan and Ottawa counties since 1970, is a former U.S. district attorney for western Michigan and served three terms as prosecuting attorney for Ottawa county.

Senator Griffin's choice of Judge Miles was reported Monday in Detroit. The announcement emphasized that the recommendation does not constitute an appointment.

Senators of the president's political party generally are given their way on judicial appointments for their state, however.

If Senator Griffin's recommendation is followed by President Nixon, Judge Miles, 57, would replace U.S. District Court Judge Albert Engel, who has been nominated by the

president to serve on the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Miles is a graduate of Hope college in Holland and of the University of Michigan law school. He has served as special attorney for the City of Grand Rapids, as trial attorney for the Grand Rapids school board, and as general counsel for Ferris State college. He served 11 years on the Holland board of education, and is a member of the

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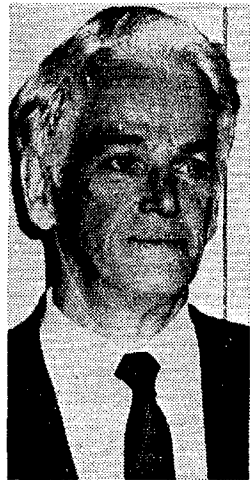
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JUDGE WENDELL MILES
Griffin's Choice

Nixon Tax Probe Will Be Broadened

WASHINGTON (AP) — The congressional review of President Nixon's tax returns and deductions shows signs of broadening before it has really begun.

Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., vice chairman of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, said Monday he expects the committee to go beyond the two areas Nixon designated for special attention when he asked for the review.

"We probably will conduct a complete audit on the President's tax returns, as has been customary whenever we look at other individuals' tax returns," Long said.

He predicted the audit would take a month or more and said he would not prejudge the findings, but he added they would

be made public — "I do not believe we will want to keep anything confidential."

The two controversial issues Nixon designated for special study were whether he was entitled to the \$576,000 deduction he took for giving his vice presidential papers to the National Archives and whether he made a taxable capital gain of \$117,000 on the 1970 sale of part of his San Clemente, Calif., estate.

Largely because of the deduction for the papers, Nixon, after paying \$72,682 in federal income tax for 1969, paid \$792 for 1970, \$878 for 1971 and \$4,299 for 1972.

Long said the committee will meet Wednesday with its staff to chart the inquiry. It has not been decided whether to hold hearings, he said.

Focusing on another aspect of Nixon's weekend disclosure of his tax affairs, that he had paid no state income tax, House Democratic leaders used a news conference to tell reporters they regularly paid tax to their home states.

Speaker Carl Albert volunteered that he is paying \$875 a quarter to Oklahoma on his estimate of 1972 tax liability; Majority Leader Thomas P. O'Neill said he is paying Massachusetts about \$2,000 a year and Whip John J. McFall said his quarterly payment to California is more than \$600.

Nixon's statement said he had been advised that he was not liable for California state tax on income earned outside the state.

However, a formal contest of (See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)



LIFTS AUTO PRICE CONTROLS: Cost of Living Council Director John Dunlop adjusts his glasses during a Washington news conference Monday. Dunlop announced that the council has lifted wage and price controls from most of the auto industry. (AP Wirephoto)

Consumers Power Faces U.S. Monopoly Charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department has accused Consumers Power Co. of choking off competition and illegally monopolizing an important segment of the electric power market in Lower Michigan.

Government attorneys consider the case a precedent-setting test of the department's

authority to block licenses for nuclear generating units on antitrust grounds.

The department has urged the Atomic Energy Commission to refuse to license the company's nuclear units at Midland, Mich., unless the firm takes sweeping action to correct alleged past monopolistic practices and prevent a recurrence.

Department attorneys on Nov. 20 submitted an 89-page brief telling the AEC what they intend to prove in forthcoming hearings by the commission and its Atomic Energy Safety and Licensing Board.

The Justice Department intervened under a 1970 law requiring the commission to look into antitrust aspects of

proposed nuclear power plants. A government lawyer said the Consumers case is the first in which the department has opposed a nuclear license on antitrust grounds.

The department will await the AEC decision before deciding whether to take other legal action against Consumers, a government lawyer said.

"We believe the evidence that will be presented in this hearing is sufficient to warrant a finding that (Consumers) has illegally monopolized the wholesale-for-sale firm-power market in its area of Lower Michigan ... and thus clearly suffices to establish the existence of a situation inconsistent with the antitrust laws," the department told the AEC.

It cited alleged monopolistic practices in various aspects of the sale of a dependable bulk power to other, smaller companies.

The department urged the AEC to refuse the licenses unless Consumers agrees to sell bulk wholesale power to any retail buyer, to interconnect and share reserves with any utility that generates and transmits power, to join with other utilities in coordinated development and to provide wheeling services so that smaller utilities may coordinate with one another.

Government attorneys cited (See back page, sec. 1, col. 5)



GLENN ANNOUNCES: Former astronaut John H. Glenn announced Monday at a press conference in Cleveland, Ohio his plans to seek the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate from Ohio. Glenn, 53 and the first American to orbit the earth, is making his third try for the Senate. In 1964 he began his campaign but was forced to withdraw because of an injury and in 1970 he lost the nomination to Howard Metzenbaum who then lost to Republican Sen. Robert Taft. (AP Wirephoto)

State Also After Electric Firm

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Consumers Power Co. has in recent months sought to mislead the public with its advertising, says the Michigan attorney general's office.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Hugh B. Anderson made the contention in a brief filed with the state Public Service Commission. The commission is considering a request by Consumers for an \$86 million rate increase for electricity and natural gas.

Consumers designed its advertisements to "divert the public's attention from the company's own failures and mismanagement and shift the blame to environmentalists and regulatory authorities," Anderson said.

Consumers is seeking to include the cost of its advertising in the operating expenses it can pass on to its customers.

Several environmental groups argue the firm should not be

allowed to include advertising costs because, they say, the ads are used to present a biased picture of the utility's situation.

Consumers officials agreed with the attorney general's office last year that it would not include "mass media environmental advertising" in figuring expenses for rates. However, the company contends its advertisements provide information on energy needs and how Consumers is meeting them.

Among several Consumers' ads under attack before the commission is one which blames Atomic Energy Commission reviews and environmental group complaints for delaying construction of a nuclear power plant in Midland, resulting in a doubling of costs.

The AEC announced recently it has discovered inadequate welding procedures at the Midland plant and issued a showcase order last week giving Consumers 20 days to show

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Editorial Page

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The Common Market Seeks A Common Voice

Heads of state of the nine European Common Market countries are to hold a "confederal summit" meeting in Copenhagen, Friday, Dec. 14, at which they hope to establish the basis for European political cooperation. Michel Debre, the ultra-Gaullist former French defense minister, wrote several months ago that Europeans could not arrive at a common defense policy until they were confronted "all together, at the same time, by a direct menace." The current energy crisis qualifies as just such a threat.

European leaders also wonder if the American defense commitment is weakening. French Defense Minister Robert Galley recently speculated in L'Express (Dec. 2, 1973) that the Russians might offer to limit their multiple-warhead missile program in return for the withdrawal of all U.S. nuclear weapons from Europe. U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger

Only On The Farm

A Michigan man generates all the electricity he needs with six windmills. That's nice — but not much of a help to the average apartment dweller.

It Seems Tea Really Was Revolutionary Beverage

Once upon a time Americans were tea drinkers, and so they rebelled against English rule and established a republic. That is a gross oversimplification of history, to be sure, but it is not completely off the mark. Every American school child is taught — and promptly forgets — the story of the Boston Tea Party. Dec. 16, 1773, will mark the 200th anniversary of that semi-comic event.

This piece of news merits a look into the history books to find out what really did happen on that day in Boston two centuries past — and whether it had genuine effect on the course of history.

It all began when the English Parliament passed the Tea Act of 1773 in an effort to save the British East India Company from bankruptcy. The legislation provided for a government loan of 1.4 million pounds to the East India Company. In addition, the company received permission to ship tea directly to the American colonies.

This eliminated the former procedure of bringing the tea from India to England for sale to middlemen who, in turn, sold it to merchants in America. The customs duty of three pence a pound at

Autos Down, Shoes Up

General Motors says car sales may drop by a million and a half next year. The bicycle and shoe leather markets are bullish, though.

So Is Everyone

Haig says Nixon was "almost incredulous" when he heard about that 18-minute tape gap. Leave out "almost" and the phrase applies to almost everyone.

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GLANCING BACKWARDS

JUST DUCKY IN BUCHANAN — 1 Year Ago —

To say that certain Buchanan city employees "don't give a quack" about their work is like saying that fish don't swim or birds don't fly. In fact, some of their employees spend a good deal of their time quacking.

This southern Berrien county community boasts some 40 unique employees whose job is to keep McCoy creek and millrace free of grass and weeds. City manager Robert Faulhaber said their work is highly satisfactory, while their demands are far less than the average employee. The employees are ducks which make the creek, millrace and its banks their year round home.

WHFB 5,000 WATTS AT NOON THURSDAY — 10 Years Ago —

In a ceremony scheduled for noon Thursday, radio station WHFB will switch its power

from 1,000 watts to 5,000, making it one of the largest clear channel radio stations in Michigan. WHFB General Manager Jacob P. Scherer announced today that a number of area dignitaries will be on hand for the switch, throwing program. Twin Cities Mayors Wilbert Smith and Clifford R. Emlong will join hands with WHFB President Stanley R. Banyon to actually switch on the power.

The station received a grant from the Federal Communications Commission to increase its power in September of this year. A new 5,000 watt transmitter was purchased and installed in a new addition to the WHFB building. The addition also houses the WHFB-FM transmitter.

ST. JOSEPH BROTHERS MEET IN SO. PACIFIC — 29 Years Ago —

Two St. Joseph brothers, who had not seen each other in

uniform of the U.S. Navy held an unexpected reunion in the harbor of a South Pacific island recently, according to a letter received by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reinhardt, 808 Hoyt street.

Ensign Walter Reinhardt, who is a flyer attached to a carrier, saw a ship to which his brother, Storekeeper 3c Ralph Reinhardt, was assigned, come into the harbor. The ensign arranged to have his brother come aboard the carrier for the reunion, their first in more than two years. The Reinhardts have two other sons in the United States Navy.

SPEAKS TO PTA — 39 Years Ago —

Miss Marjorie Milliman, St. Joseph librarian, was speaker at the North Lincoln Parent-Teacher association meeting, discussing child training and recommending books on that subject.

BALL PLAYER RECOVERS — 49 Years Ago —

Joseph Myers of Berrien Springs, whose leg was broken in a football game six weeks ago, has been removed to his home from the Taber sanitarium.

ELKS OPEN DOORS — 59 Years Ago —

For the first time since the dedication of the Elks Temple last June, its doors were thrown open to the public when Elks paid annual tribute to their honored dead at the annual lodge of sorrow. The Hon. Harris S. Galpin, a young Muskegon attorney, was main speaker. Exalted Ruler W.J. Cleary presided.

DISPLAY FINE PIGS — 63 Years Ago —

The Queen Anne folks are displaying a fine lot of dressed pigs at their market.

FOUND'S WIDOW DIES CAMBRIDGE, England (AP) — Dorothy Pound, 87, estranged widow of the American poet Ezra Pound, died Saturday.

Bruce Biossat

Refining Pinch
Fuels The Crisis

WASHINGTON (NEA) — All aside from the question whether we get gasoline rationing soon to deal with immediate shortages, the matter of meeting tomorrow's constantly rising fuel needs is not being dealt with urgently and in orderly fashion.

For instance, it is well known that oil refinery capacity in this country has not grown in the past few years at the same pace as the demand for refined products. So our sharply rising fuel imports have been including both these and crude oil.

This year, with our daily consumption of crude reaching 17 million barrels a day (compared to 14.2 million for all Western Europe), U.S. refinery capacity is estimated by the industry at 13,234,000 barrels a day. That represents an advance over 1970 of less than a million barrels a day, even as the U.S. automobile population and other oil users have risen sharply.

The outlook for the years just ahead seems a good deal worse, unless we quickly find additional fuel sources.

By 1975, assuming no miracle breakthroughs for other kinds of energy like solar, nuclear or geo-thermal, U.S. oil demands will be at 19.8 million barrels a day. The figure will touch an estimated 22.5 million in 1980 and a whopping 28.2 million in 1985.

In the meantime, under present projections, refinery capacity in the U.S. will be climbing only very slowly, to 13.7 million barrels a day in 1975, 15.6 million in 1980, and

17.3 in 1985. The foreseeable 1985 gap is huge. The situation really is perilous. To the extent President Nixon has not been pre-occupied with Watergate, he and his energy counselors have been consumed in argument over the comparative practical and political aspects of rationing vs. voluntary fuel cutbacks.

Such debates may be incapable in a free society wherein many leaders detest the idea of stiff controls and some deeply question their feasibility in time of peace. But, obviously, this short-range struggle distracts the counselors from the larger concern over where tomorrow's larger required oil resources are going to come from.

Any government worth its salt would be hard at determining, right now, an acutely judged system of priorities for future resources. There has been too little real thought and too much airy talk, compounded by a lot of glib outsiders (including some environmentalists), about alternative power sources like solar or geo-thermal whose development is still rudimentary and for which the time and cost factors may be too steep for quick consideration.

The basic question for today is: Where can we get more oil quickest and easiest?

Until the Middle East war and the Arabs' embargo on shipments to us, we'd been counting on more and more Middle East oil to fill rising needs. Now Arabs are saying they may resist larger and larger Western demands on their reserves, even if political restrictions end.

Jeffrey Hart

U.S. Mideast
Policy Changing

The fact of the oil embargo plus Secretary Kissinger's recent interview with U.S. journalists in Peking make it clear that past U.S. policy in the Middle East has come to the end of the line.

That policy had been based on two more or less tacit assumptions. First, that the qualitatively superior Israelis, armed by the U.S., would for the foreseeable future be vulnerable to Arab attack. This assumption was badly shaken by the recent fighting. Once again the Israelis "won," but they suffered heavy casualties, and the Arabs for the first time proved themselves able to manage sophisticated modern weapons. The Arabs, moreover, have always possessed an enormous numerical advantage.

The second assumption underlying U.S. policy had been that political differences within the Arab world would rule out any unified Arab strategy, military or economic. This assumption has been shattered by the oil embargo, now joined by pro-Western Faisal of Arabia.

In response to these events, the shape of U.S. policy has begun to change, as can be discerned in a careful reading of

Secretary Kissinger's replies to the reporters' questions: First, "I have been a constant American policy . . . that the existence of Israel will be supported by the U.S." Thus there will be no "abandonment" of Israel, and no countenancing of the possibility that Israel will be overwhelmed in some future attack.

However, "The question then is where are the borders and what are the security arrangements, and this is what is going to be negotiated in accordance with Security Council Resolution 242." Translated, that means that it is now U.S. policy that Israel return most of the territory seized in the 1967 war, for such is the substance of Resolution 242. Kissinger underlined the point: "The final borders will certainly be different from the ceasefire lines."

The Israelis, however, have reasonably maintained that the borders resulting from the 1967 war are much more defensible than the former ones. How is this objection to be met?

Kissinger: "So far there has not been any precise discussion of guarantees." However, "the question of guarantees will arise, and we have to then ask the question what sort of guarantee — unilateral, several countries, and so forth."

No doubt a formal U.S. commitment will be part of the package. But in these negotiations the Israelis will be in a good position to demand something they have always needed, but which has always been withheld. If the Arabs want their land back, why should they not be asked in return to provide their own formal commitment to the integrity of the Israeli borders?

It is an excellent bet that Faisal would buy that package. If he did, the other Arab states would inevitably go along, since he controls the "oil weapon." Nor is it easy to imagine the Israelis resisting such a compromise.

Indeed, if everything falls into place, the oil could be flowing freely by January and Kissinger could be up for a second Nobel Prize.

FUEL PRICE PROBE

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Cost of Living Council has ordered a nationwide investigation to enforce price ceilings on diesel fuel.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

TAKES ISSUE WITH EDITORIAL

The title to your editorial, "Jerking The Welcome Mat For New Business", in your 6 December issue is quite misleading, and unfair to me and the other members of the Berrien County Planning Commission.

The title implies that Western Electric had a green light for the Bertrand Township site last Monday, 3 December, and that the Berrien County Planning Commission, with me as its spokesman, had suddenly turned it to red. That is simply not so. I believe some sort of retraction is in order.

On 3 December, and at this writing, the proposed Western Electric site is zoned agricultural. Before any industrial facility is built on the site it must be rezoned to industrial. The application to rezone it to industrial, although approved by the Bertrand Township Zoning Board, has been disapproved by the Berrien County Planning Commission, and has not been acted upon by the Bertrand Township Board. (At the time the Planning Commission disapproved the rezoning Western Electric's identity was unknown, but the subsequent disclosure of its identity does not change the significant facts bearing on the merits of the rezoning request.)

I have been surprised at the extent to which it has been presumed that the Bertrand Township Board is going to approve the rezoning, as though the Township Board were in somebody's pocket. That, of course, is not the case.

Nobody has the right to presume what action the Township Board will take; not you; not me; not the Berrien County Planning Commission; nor any of the other persons present at the meeting Monday 3 December at the Holiday Inn in Niles.

When you refer to "Jerking The Welcome Mat" you

presume not only what action the Bertrand Township Board will take; you also presume the result of the referendum which I understand is planned by the Bertrand Township residents who oppose the zoning. Should the Township Board approve the rezoning. That is the reason your heading is so unfair and misleading. It of course isn't possible to "jerk a welcome mat" before it has been extended.

This sad affair (I want Western Electric to locate in Berrien County as much as anybody, and I believe my colleagues on the Berrien County Planning Commission are of the same view) calls to mind the story of Galileo's unhappy experience with the Pope. Galileo had stated publicly that he agreed with Copernicus' belief that the earth revolved around the sun, rather than the opposite. Learning of this, the Pope called Galileo to an audience, and told Galileo that if he did not renounce the heretical Copernican belief (which at that time was contrary to the view of the Church of Rome) he (Galileo) would be burned at the stake. To avoid such an unpleasant happening, Galileo renounced the Copernican belief. On the way out of the Vatican, however, bystanders heard Galileo mutter under his breath "but it still revolves around the sun".

If the President, Vice President, all of Congress, and all fifty governors should come to Berrien County to urge the proposed Bertrand Township site for Western Electric, the placement of the proposed facility on that site would still constitute anarchistic and prodigious land use. I wish I could change that fact, every bit as much as I suspect Galileo wished he could make the sun revolve around the earth to avoid displeasing his Pope and his church.

Donald F. Ryman
Attorney at Law
Buchanan

BERRY'S WORLD

APARTMENTS
FOR RENT
• NO PETS
• NO CHILDREN
BUT SOME OF OUR BEST
FRIENDS ARE PETS AND
CHILDREN.

BH Enjoys Another General Fund Surplus

The City of Benton Harbor's general fund took in \$115,205 more than it spent during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1973.

The general fund had revenues of \$2,312,097 and expenditures of \$2,196,892, according to the annual audit which was presented to the city commission last night.

The fiscal surplus was reduced by \$65,000 by transfers to other funds (principally sick leave benefits for employees) making the net balance for the year \$50,205.

It was the second consecutive year of black ink operation and left the total general fund balance at \$76,791 as of June 30.

City Manager Charles A. Morrison said the fiscal outlook for the current fiscal year is "excellent," although the city lost 4 mills in expired property taxes. Federal revenue sharing is taking up the slack.

Revenues the past fiscal year were \$39,997 over budgetary estimates, and were expenditures were \$75,208 below.

Fourteen general fund categories had expenditures less than budgeted. Biggest savings were in housing inspection, comprehensive planning, city hall and grounds and assessor's accounts. Contingencies were budgeted for \$11,760 and nothing

was spent.

The general fund was charged for \$139 million in salaries. Next biggest expenditure was \$205,392 for pension fund contributions.

Police protection accounted for more than one-third of general fund expenditures — \$807,475 and fire protection cost \$521,500.

The audit also goes into other city funds and accounts.

The audit notes the city had entered into contract to sponsor and operate 14 federal programs, of which only two were completed by June 30, 1973. Total cost is \$14,018,440 with the city required to provide an estimated \$2,195,568.

The audit was prepared by Herkner, Smits, Miskill & Johnson, certified public accountants.

The city had received \$504,173 in federal revenue sharing as of June 30, which combined with interest totaled \$514,294 with another \$113,000 received in July. These funds are committed for more than \$620,000 in street construction, sanitation and public safety projects.

Other revenue sharing this current fiscal year will go for general operation, supplanting 4 mills in property taxes.

Now It's Official-- Heppler Is St. Joe's New City Manager

G.W. (Jerry) Heppler was hired last night by the St. Joseph city commission as the city's new city manager succeeding Leland L. Hill who retires at the end of this month

after nearly 23 years at the post. The city commission also approved a one-year franchise agreement with Berrien Cablevision, Inc. for operation of a 30 channel cable television

system. The agreement will be submitted to the voters in St. Joseph for approval on a 15-year basis possibly at election time in April.

Heppler, assistant city manager and director of public works, was first reported to have been selected as the new city manager by this newspaper last July. Hill informed the commission earlier this year that he would retire two years before retirement age. He submitted his resignation last week.

Mayor Franklin Smith said Heppler's salary as city manager would be \$22,000. His current salary is nearly \$20,000.

Heppler, 44, was hired by the city 10 years ago as city engineer, was named director of public works in 1964 and assistant city manager in 1972.

A graduate of St. Joseph high school in 1947 and Michigan Tech in 1951, Heppler worked for 10 years as staff engineer with American Oil Company in Gary, Ind. He and his wife, Mignon, have three children, ages 10, 13 and 17.

Smith said it became apparent to the commissioners some time ago that they would face the retirement of Hill one day. As a result, the commission looked at city departments for someone with qualifications to fill the city manager's position leading to the appointment of Heppler as assistant city manager so he would "be more ready when the time came," Smith explained.

Mayor Pro-Tem Joseph Hanley thanked Hill for "giving us a city manager that is so well trained."

Heppler said he has enjoyed working with Hill for 10 years. "We will miss Lee," Heppler said, adding that Hill has left the city in fine shape, both in finances and administration, "which will make my job that much easier."

The city commission selected Berrien Cablevision for a cable television franchise last August. Four companies had originally applied. Since then, attorneys have been preparing the franchise agreement.

Aman Khan of Stevensville, representing Berrien Cablevision said the system will have a 30 channel capacity with 20 to go into operation next year.

The 20 channels proposed, subject to approval by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) include: 16, 22, and 28 from South Bend; 2, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 20 from Chicago; 23 from Lansing; 8 from Grand Rapids; 3 from Kalamazoo; 41 from Battle Creek; a 24-hour weather service financial reports; as well as government, education and local access stations.

The monthly service cost to residents for one television outlet would be \$5.95 which would bring 12 channels, and an extra \$1.50 monthly for a converter to bring up to the 30 channels. Each additional outlet would be \$1. Berrien Cablevision will pay the city \$1 for each initial hookup and \$1 a year for each hookup.

In other business, the commission received notice from the state highway department that a traffic light on Lakeshore drive and Wallace avenue to protect school children is not warranted. The commission then asked City Atty. A.G. Preston, Jr. to look into the statute regarding the highway department's jurisdiction over state highways.



GOOD FELLOW GALS: These girls are bearers of glad tidings, for they were part of group that raised \$1,000 for News-Palladium Good Fellow fund. The women are employees of Michigan Bell Telephone Traffic Department, and with others held annual Christmas bazaar. The \$1,000 check was the biggest the gals have

ever given, and one of largest ever received by fund. Shown during the bazaar are (from left): Mickie Goff, Bernadine Johan, Dee LaRoux, Diane Beck, Lorraine Taylor, and Renee Travis. (Staff photo)

N-P Fund Stands At \$2,313.71

Ma Bell's Gals Toss In \$1,000!

"I just don't believe it!" exclaimed Santa.

"A grand. One thousand dollars. Whew," he sighed. No, visions of sugarplums weren't dancing in Santa's head. But he had just received a huge dose of Christmas cheer — the kind everyone likes.

A representative from the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. Traffic Department presented the merry old elf with a check for \$1,000 for the News-Palladium Good Fellow fund.

For the first time in his life good old St. Nick was almost tongue-tied. "All I can say is the thoughtfulness of those gals overwhelms me. Energy crisis or not, this is going to brighten many a Christmas morning."

The gift from Ma Bell's girls, and other fine contributions today, brings the N-P Good Fellow fund to a whopping \$2,313.71. And this Friday is the

annual Newsie sale, which usually brings in about half of the Good Fellow goal.

"The Good Fellow fund is really starting to snowball now," chanted Santa. "I don't think anything can stop it. I know we can go over the top, I know it."

With the \$1,130 in today, the fund nearly doubled itself. And

last year at the same time, the Good Fellows had collected \$1,481. Yes, there are certainly a lot of Good Fellow smiles around today.

But back to the Bell Traffic Department. Annually the girls hold a Christmas bazaar, which is a day-long event featuring sales of goodies, homemade

clothing, Christmas decorations and other items.

Last year the gals gave \$880, and the year before that they presented the Good Fellows with \$640. Both were the biggest contributions ever from one source outside of the Newsie sale.

But this year's \$1,000. Wow!! Also getting into the Yule spirit were seven other donors. The Barentsen Candy Co., a perennial giver, sent over \$50, and the Civic Benefit club chipped in with \$25.

A note saying "Given to the glory of God" contained \$25, and the Emblem Club No. 122 pitched in \$5. Another note with \$5 came "In memory of Richard Kraklaw from Rick and Tamara."

The Dessus Singers con-

tributed \$10 and another \$10 gift was received from an anonymous benefactor.

"Some people aren't going to know Christmas at all without the Good Fellows," Santa reminded "You Good Fellows out there are the greatest. Let's keep that snowball rolling."



Navy 'Recruitmobile' Cancelled

Appearances of the Navy's "Recruitmobile" at Fairplain Plaza, Berrien Springs and Paw Paw this week have been cancelled. Chief Petty Officer Edward Kotkiewicz, of the Navy recruiting office at Fairplain Plaza, said a late schedule change for the mobile unit forced the cancellation.

Dealers On Probation

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Two suburban Detroit Chevrolet dealerships have been placed on probation for one year by the secretary of state's office.

They are Gene Merollis Chevrolet of Garden City and Merollis Chevrolet Sales & Service of East Detroit, operated by Gene's brother, Norman.

A spokesman for the secretary of state's office said the two dealerships were warned they risk possible 15-day license suspensions.

The spokesman said Gene Merollis Chevrolet was accused in 1971 of misrepresenting an engine to a customer, and eventually pleaded guilty to a fraud charge.

He said the Norman Merollis dealership was accused of several violations of state law, including refusal to return the deposit of a customer who could not obtain financing for the car.

Three From Area Up For \$1 Million

Three southwestern Michigan residents and a South Bend man will be among 120 persons competing for the \$1 million grand prize of the Michigan Lottery in Detroit Dec. 18.

They are Myrna Steinhoff, of Coloma; Robert King, of Buchanan; and Claude W. Willsea, of Paw Paw. Also at the drawing, to be held in the Detroit Light Guard Armory, will be Joseph P. Plaia, of South Bend. There will be 110 winners of \$1,000 each, seven will collect \$5,000 each, one \$50,000 and one \$100,000 in addition to the million-dollar winner.

It is the eighth millionaire drawing since the lottery began over a year ago. As an added attraction, the Bureau of State Lottery will award a new car and lottery tickets as door prizes.

H-P Good Fellows Tree More Ornaments Needed

Gather around Herald-Press Good Fellows it's time to decorate the Christmas tree.

There are various steps to Christmas in the Good Fellow organization just as there are in every Christmas orientated household and trimming the

Christmas tree is one of the major ones.

It usually means that Christmas is just around the corner. For the little kids, beside themselves with anticipation, trimming the tree is one of those concrete signs that Christmas is really coming even if two weeks seems like an eternity. For the older folks the tree trimming caper just reminds them how much still must be done in such a short time.

Trimming the tree means that the usual naps must be sacrificed, that sometimes even watching the Sunday football games be interrupted.

The Herald-Press Good Fellow tree right at this

moment will be a little bare. There were two welcome ornaments totaling \$30, that pushes the total to \$1,042.50. That means we have \$2,457.50 to go. A half trimmed Christmas tree is a sad sight to behold.

About the only thing worse is no Christmas tree at all. That is what Good Fellows is all about. They try, and have been pretty successful in preventing the empty stocking possibility.

Putting a big \$25 ornament on the tree is the Civic Benefit club. Every year you will find their decoration.

Then from Florida comes \$5 from former St. Joseph Lion William Lindt. He sent it to drive chairman Ed Menchinger

to prime the Lions club newsie pump. The Lions are getting ready for their newsie sale Friday. Lion Wendt knows what they will be doing — he did it for years.



SBA Representative In BH Wednesday

Hiaawatha Jones, a U.S. Small Business Administration representative for minority persons, will be at the Model Cities office Wednesday to confer with persons intending to go into business or need counsel on present businesses.

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Model Cities office, 662 Highland avenue, Benton Harbor.



SHOPPING DAYS
TO CHRISTMAS

Tri-County Health Care Study Set To Begin

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

Family health care needs and practices in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties will be surveyed from January through April by the Southwestern Michigan Comprehensive Health Planning association.

"The association is currently surveying major health care

providers," said Thomas Dube, association president. "We also need to know how people use the medical care system which is provided and what their attitudes are towards the system."

The survey format was approved at an association board meeting Nov. 28. Its planning staff will train volunteers in interview methods and coordinate their activities. Every community in the area will be included.

When interviews are done, the staff will validate survey forms and reimburse the volunteer organization.

The survey is planned to reach 4,000 families.

Its purpose, according to Treasurer M.L. Mayhall, is to gather information for planning efficient medical care.

"Health care costs have made it necessary to know how families obtain medical care and how they view existing services if we are to plan for efficient medical care that is readily available," he said.

"Hopefully, this survey will enable use to get at some solution to problems that exist in these areas."

Meanwhile, the association is inviting clubs and organizations

from each community in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren to assist as paid volunteers.

Those with 10 or more volunteers can call Executive Director John Ross at the association office in the Peoples State bank building, St. Joseph.

The association, a nonprofit organization of health care providers and consumers that makes recommendations on health issues, was awarded a \$12,320 grant for the upcoming study by the Berrien county board of commissioners.



RECEIVES HONOR: Jerome A. Shumate, left, chairman of the 1973 Covert United Appeal, was honored at United Way of Michigan campaign achievement celebration last week in East Lansing. Presenting plaque to Shumate, in appreciation of outstanding service to United Way cause is Aaron M. Shaver of Battle Creek, United Way of Michigan president. Shumate shared recognition with 144 other campaign chairmen from around state.

Warren Woman Dies In Berrien

By LYLE SUMERIX
South Berrien Bureau

NEW BUFFALO — A Detroit area woman was killed near here yesterday afternoon when a semi-trailer truck involved in an accident with another truck slid across the I-94 median in front of her car, causing it to ram beneath the trailer.

State police at New Buffalo said the top of the car was sheared away.

Killed was Mrs. Hazel Foster, 51, of Warren, a community near Detroit. Her husband, James, 55, was hospitalized



FATAL CRASH: Mrs. James Foster, 51, Warren, died yesterday afternoon when car she was driving skidded under trailer of semi-trailer truck in background. State police at New Buffalo said truck crossed median of I-94 near state line and crossed in path of car. Police said crash occurred during blowing snow on snow-covered roads. (Don Wehner photo)

51 Auto Deaths In Berrien County In 1973

with injuries from the crash. He was reported in fair condition today in Memorial hospital, Michigan City, Ind.

Neither the driver of the semi, Ray E. Bybee, 35, Spring Lake, Mich., nor driver of the other truck involved, Randall W. Baird, 31, Grand Rapids, required hospitalization.

The fatality boosted Berrien county's highway death toll for the year to 51, compared to 61 by the same date last year. It was the third fatality in as many days in the county.

According to police, the accident occurred about 3 p.m. in the westbound lanes. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. William Benner, county medical examiner.

Police said the initial accident between the two trucks occurred in the eastbound lanes while the semi was being driven past the van-type vehicle.

Officers said the two trucks bumped each other, causing the semi to jack-knife and cross the median into the path of the Foster car.

Woman, 36, Dies In Allegan Crash

HAMILTON — A 36-year-old rural Holland woman was killed instantly in a head-on collision on M-40 north of here late yesterday morning, according to Allegan county sheriff's deputies.

Pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. K.L. Miller, assistant

ran head-on into a semi-trailer truck driven by David McClure, 32, of New Albany, Miss. McClure and a passenger in the semi, Alan Goudy, also of New Albany, Miss., were not injured, according to deputies. Mrs. Zoet was alone in her auto.

The accident occurred at 11:32 a.m., according to police. M-40 was snow covered and slippery at the time, police said.

Mrs. Zoet's death was the 32nd traffic fatality in Allegan county this year, and the first since Oct. 27.

32 Auto Deaths In Allegan County In 1973

county medical examiner, was Mrs. Roger (Arlene) Zoet, of 4966 Rasscher road, route 3, Holland.

Sheriff's deputies said the car which Mrs. Zoet was driving crossed over the center line and

ASKS IMPEACHMENT
NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Helen Gahagan Douglas, who was defeated for a Senate seat from California in 1950 by President Nixon, has called for his impeachment.

Millage Vote In February

Coloma Board May Ask Tax Hike

COLOMA — Coloma school board last night picked February as the month for a district election on a property tax millage levy.

The board instructed the administration to take the necessary steps to get the issue before voters in February. The actual date and possibly the amount would be set at the board's January meeting.

The present 10-mill operating levy expires this year, according to William Barrett, school superintendent, with the millage representing over \$500,000 in the annual school budget.

Barrett informed board members that the district may be required to raise the 10-mill figure 1.624 mills to qualify the district for full state aid under a new state law.

The district's total millage now amounts to 23.376 mills

with 26 required by the new law for a district to qualify for full state aid payments.

In other areas, board members set Barrett's salary at \$25,500 for the present school year, up from \$24,265 last year, an increase of 5.1 per cent. A proposal by a board member to tie the raise to a new three-year contract beginning in July was held for further study. Several other members said they had not discussed the offer previous to its being presented by Merlin Hauch.

The board voted to notify Joseph Wettstein, a fifth grade teacher and vice president of the Coloma Education association, that he has up to 45 days to ask for a hearing on charges filed against him by Barrett in connection with two days sick leave.

The charges, filed under procedures of the contract with the association, contend that Wettstein abused the sick leave policy to obtain paid personal absence time, attempted to obtain money for the days, broke the conduct code and allegedly violated the master contract.

With the charges, Barrett recommended that Wettstein be assessed up to \$500 or take whatever other action the board deemed appropriate.

The two days involved were Nov. 14-15 when Wettstein was absent reportedly for medical treatment in Ann Arbor.

The board was told that the district is not in any difficulty in receiving gasoline for school

buses. Barrett reported that the allocation of fuel to the district is based under last year's double session gasoline allotment.

Bids were opened for four new school buses and chassis, with the low bidder for a school bus body being Neil's Automotive, Hartford, at \$21,000. Bids opened for bus chassis will be

checked today, with the bid to be awarded to the bidder guaranteeing delivery early next year. The two bidders, for four units, were Ashley Ford, Benton Harbor, \$26,520.44 and Gersonde Equipment company, \$27,592.

Board members postponed taking action on recommenda-

tions to eliminate physical education in both the junior and senior high schools and athletics in grades 7 and 8 until their January meeting.

Junior High Principal Donald Spilger and High School Principal Victor Wier both recommended to board members that the programs not be eliminated.



COLOMA POLICEMEN PRAISED: Officers Richard Klimaszewski, left, and Thomas LaVanway, center, both of Coloma township police force, receive citations from Township Police Chief Jack Page for their part in apprehension of two men on I-94 April 3. Klimaszewski was grazed by a bullet during the arrests. Jerry Crockett, of Coloma city police force, received honorable mention for his part in work. Two men taken into custody were wanted in connection with alleged kidnaping of Detroit woman. Arrest came after officers stopped vehicle of two men on routine traffic stop. (Cliff Stevens photo)

Economic Club Will Dine On Tales Of Woe

Predictions about the 1974 economy and observations on whether the current energy shortage will result in a money shortage will be presented at the Dec. 19 meeting of the Economic club of Southwestern Michigan.

Speaking will be Dr. Herbert E. Neil, Jr., vice president and economist for the Harris Trust and Savings bank of Chicago. His subject will be "The 1974 Economy — a Plethora of Unresolved Issues."

John P. Taylor, president of the economic club, noted Neil's appearance is timely because the energy crisis will affect "the prices of practically everything else at a time not too distant from now."

Neil says the economy is on the verge of a turnaround, but believes the country can avoid a recession with strong business spending, inventory buying and a surplus trade balance.

He predicts the problems — a deepening housing crunch, consumer pessimism, a drop in durable purchases, and the energy crisis — will drag the U.S. economy to a squeak-by growth of 2 per cent in 1974.

He also forecasts a drop in auto sales by about 10 per cent,

pushing unemployment to 7 per cent by the end of 1974.

Neil also projects inflation at from 5 to 6 per cent in 1974, with food prices rising some 5 per cent.

The meeting, the club's 174th, will begin at 6:45 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Benton township. Reservation forms have been sent to club members.



HERBERT E. NEIL, JR.
Economic Club Speaker

SOUTH HAVEN

Merchants To Pay For Free Parking

SOUTH HAVEN — Downtown merchants have agreed to pay the city of South Haven enough money to allow the hoarding of parking meters in the central business district from now until Christmas.

City council earlier this month approved the hoarding of meters from Dec. 17-24 at no charge to the merchants.

Members of the retail division of the Greater South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce voted last week to pay the city an amount of money equal to a week's income from the meters so that their "present" to shoppers could begin yesterday.

Berrien Residents Admitted To Bar

NILES — Two southern Berrien county men were admitted to practice law in Michigan here Monday by Berrien Circuit Judge William S. White.

Admitted to the bar were Mowitt Sherman Drew, Jr. of Niles and Dennis Michael Wiley

of Buchanan, both May 1973 graduates of the University of Notre Dame law school.

Drew, 25, is the son of Niles Atty. Mowitt S. Drew and has been a law clerk in the office of Donahue & Drew in Niles since May. He will continue practicing

with the firm and assume partnership status. He entered law school after graduating from the University of Michigan in 1970.

Wiley, 25, has been working as an associate in the law office of Atty. James K. Jesse of Buchanan since May. He will

enter the U.S. Army in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in January for four years and then plans to return and practice law in Buchanan.

He was a 1970 graduate of Spring Hill college in Mobile, Ala.

Covert Will Ask \$4.8 Million For Schools

COVERT — Preliminary plans to offer a three-part, \$4,840,000 school construction bond issue package to school district voters were approved by the Covert school board last night.

School board members also set the proposed election for sometime in March, 1974.

The new proposal replaces a \$3,900,000 package the school board tentatively approved in November.

The latest construction proposal, and its school bond financing, will be sent to the state department of education for approval necessary before being placed on the ballot.

The first part of the proposition asks for approval to borrow

\$3,035,000 for construction of a middle school, a high school and an addition to the elementary school.

The second part asks for approval to borrow \$1,150,000 for construction of a gym, an auditorium and a bus garage.

The third part asks for approval to borrow \$655,000 for construction of a swimming pool.

If approved, the bond issues would be repaid from a property tax levy sufficient to meet an annual repayment schedule.

Voters would have to approve the first part before a favorable vote on either of the other two parts would be accepted by the

board, school officials said.

In November, the board gave tentative approval to an issue calling for construction of a new high school and an addition to the elementary school.

In other action, the board gave its approval for outside evaluation of the elementary education program and gave approval to a proposed trip to Mexico in April by Spanish class students.

Students would pay the \$278 trip cost themselves and would combine the trip with language studies, school officials said.

Also last night the board purchased for \$949 a mixer to be used

in the planned expansion of the hot lunch program. The machine will be purchased from Parrish Equipment company of Benton Harbor.

The board also voted to contract snow plowing for \$11.50 an hour from Grover Dandridge who had the contract last year at \$10 hourly, school officials said.

A special meeting Dec. 18 was scheduled by the board for the purpose of taking bids on construction of a 31 by 55 foot addition to the elementary school.

The addition will serve as a kitchen and cafeteria area, officials said.